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AS Eve took her first-born child into her arms she said: "I have gotten a man from the Lord." How few of us have ever realized the fact, that the little ones about us are men and women in their infancy, given us from the Lord. If the Lord has given them he has done so with a holy and righteous end in view. He has given them while they are yet tender, yielding easily to every influence. He then tells us to "train the child in the way he should go."

Children are to be taught and educated, not only in our common schools, but they are to be given a knowledge of the relation existing between them and their Lord. This teaching should not be "confined within the selfish bounds of one's own family." It is a duty incumbent upon all christians to teach others, especially also the children of wicked and ungodly parents, whose homes are not calculated to develop a noble christian character.

It is unsafe to wait until our children grow to manhood or womanhood, before we attempt to win them for Christ, and teach them a knowledge of and faith in the gospel. We must be true to our solemn vows, which we assumed when we stood at the baptismal altar and promised before God, we would bring up our children in the fear and admonition of the Lord.

Christ in all his teaching, commands that children should be *brought*. Nowhere in the holy writ do we find a command to *send* the children that they may be taught, but the command is imperative, "bring," "teach."

Parents, are you willing to bring those whom you have "gotten from the Lord," to God's holy temple that they may be taught, and that there you may yourself improve one short hour in a week in teaching them or others, or that you may yourself learn something more of the love of the Savior. Or do you prefer to sit idly at home, trying to persuade yourself that you have done

your whole duty, after having sent the little ones away, thereby teaching them by precept and example, that the Sunday School is no place for parents, but an institution for children only.

May God's blessing fall on us as the dew of Hermon, and inspire us to a fuller discharge of the duty we owe to our Master, and to those entrusted to our guidance.

THE exercises of the Ladies Missionary Society on Easter evening were throughout pleasant and entertaining. The large and appreciative audience present gave evidence, that these services of the society are growing in favor with the people, and that there is a deeper interest in the cause of missions. The exercises of this evening were opened with an offertory by the choir followed with prayer by the pastor. The ladies of the society then gave a scripture reading from the gospel of Mark, 16th chapter. A pleasing duet was next rendered by Misses Nettie Pepinbrink, and Julia Wilson. Miss Ada Durnel gave a select reading, followed with a solo by Prof. Geo. O. Bradley, entitled "Our Mother's Way." Next in the programme was a paper, read by Mrs. A. K. Zartman, bearing upon "Woman's work in the mission field." An exercise entitled "The Easter Cross" was rendered by the little folks from the "Mission Band;" Miss Wilson and Prof. Woolsey followed with a duet. Mrs. Studer, appeared next on the programme, and gave a reading in a pleasing and forcible style. The congregation sang with a good spirit the familiar hymn, "Work for the Night is Coming." A recitation by Alice Conet, making an earnest plea for the dimes and dollars for missions, told of its effect upon the audience by the cheerful response of a collection of \$10. The congregation sang once more and the services were ended. It is evident that the Ladies Society is doing efficient work, and has already been able to awaken a deeper interest in the work of missions. This society will be an educator to its members, and the entire church, and is worthy of the full and hearty cooperation of every member of Grace Church. We shall hope to see a large number of accessions to the society from the ranks of those, who have recently been added to the church.

CONCERT AND EGG-BREAKING,

Sometime about the middle of the month of April the Mission Band decided to enlist in a little enterprise in behalf of the Church. Eggs were secured and distributed among the little folks to gather up the fragments of pennies, nickels, dimes, &c. By and by these eggs were to come back, it was hoped, full and running over. On Friday evening, May 10, the Mission Band will learn how fully its hopes shall be realized. At this time these eggs will be gathered, and the contents counted. In connection with the egg-breaking, there will also be a concert by the little folks, under the direction of Mrs. Zartman. Members of the choir and others have also kindly consented to take part in the entertainment. The outlook is promising. If you want to enjoy an evening, come and hear the "little tots." Your presence will encourage the children in their effort. They have been doing faithful work with their eggs. One little girl is already fitting her third egg, with pennies and dimes. In our June issue, a full list of the eggs and contents will be published.

Tuesday evening, April 30, a Normal class was organized at the church parlors. The object of this class will be to prepare teachers for the Sabbath school, also for the general information of its members. Some thirty or more have already consented to join the class. The pastor has been asked to act as instructor. Miss Kate Ersig was chosen Secretary. The class decided to meet on Tuesday evening of each week, promptly at 7:45. The text-book to be used will be the Normal Lesson Manual of the International Sunday School Institute. The regular course extends over two years, three terms in a year. The class starts with the first term of the junior year. We hope to have an enrollment of fifty or more in the class. Members of the Sunday school, and of the church and friends of the church are invited to join the class. Let all those who will enter the class do so at once, so that all can start together. A part of each evening will be spend in the study of the Sunday School lesson. Come and attend the first session of this class, Tuesday evening May 7.

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EASTER SERVICES AT GRACE CHURCH.

During the Easter week special services were held at the church parlors each evening. These meetings were well attended, and it was evident by the interest indicated, that the Lord was moving upon the hearts of the people by his Spirit. The services on Sabbath morning and evening were among the most gratifying and pleasant in the history of the church. At an early hour on Sabbath morning the people began to throng the church, until the rooms were crowded to overflowing. At this service the pastor delivered a fifteen minute discourse upon the topic, "The Resurrection." Immediately after the sermon three infants received the sacrament of baptism. The pastor then announced the names of thirty-two persons who had made application for church membership. These applicants were then invited to come forward and make an open profession of their faith upon the Lord Jesus Christ. It was an inspiring and delightful scene, to see so many gather around the altar to consecrate themselves to the Lord and his service. After a brief charge by the pastor, these applicants were admitted into full membership with the church. Some by baptism and confirmation, a few by re-profession, and some others by letter. At the evening service one other applicant was received by confirmation, making thirty-three accessions to the church for the day, the largest number of additions the church received at any one time, since the date of its organization. After the reception of new members into the church, the congregation united in the celebration of the Lord's Supper. With a very few exceptions, the members of the congregation were all present to enjoy this part of the service. It was a source of great rejoicing to the pastor to see so many of the church gather around the Lord's table, thus honoring the Master by keeping his word, "This do in remembrance of me." The entire service of the morning was full of interest. The singing by the choir and congregation was entered into with a full heart and spirit. This glad Easter morning will long be remembered by the pastor and people of Grace Church. This day's

service will mark a new era in the history of the church. The congregation has received a new impetus, and has taken new courage. The church will start out with new zeal to labor for Christ, and the ingathering of souls. The congregation has everything to encourage it in its work, there is open before Grace Church a great door of usefulness. A ripe and plenteous harvest is waiting to be gathered into this fold. Let the members of Grace Church be prayerful and diligent, and it will not be long until this church will stand fully abreast with other churches in the city. May there be many more such Easter days in the history of Grace Church to make glad the hearts of the people, and to cheer them in their work for the Master.

EASTER ACCESSIONS.

We give below the names of the persons who were received into membership with Grace Church on Easter Sabbath, also their places of residence.

RECEIVED BY LETTER.

Philip Hyman, 238 Calhoun street.
Edwin Hyman, 238 Calhoun street.
Chas. O. Troxal, 19 W. Jefferson street.

Altha Troxal, 19 W. Jefferson st.
Leah Walters, 51 Barr street.

BY RE-PROFESSION.

Louisa Kepler, 26 Gay street.
Lillie Kepler, 26 Gay street.
Emma Kepler, 26 Gay street.

BY CONFIRMATION.

Katie Cutler, E. Wayne street.
Jennie Evard, Maysville Pike.
Ortha Evard, Maysville Pike.
Robert Gavin, 8 Harmer street.
Mary Griffith, 320 E. Jefferson street.
Freddie A. Hostman, 86 W. Jefferson st.
John Kepler, 26 Gay street.
Flora Munn, Leo Pike.
David Murphy, 28 Melita street.
Chas. Richards, 412 E. Washington st.
Wm Richards, 412 E. Washington St.
Mary Rudisil, Leo Pike.
Lizzie Rudisil, Leo Pike.
Willard Smith, 106 Dewald street.
Chas Stockman, 44 E. Fourth St.
Birdie Safern, 390 E. Washington St.
Anna Shaefer, 377 E. Washington St.
Lucy Snyder, 6 Gay street.
Harry Vordermark, Maumee Avenue.
Katie Walters, 51 Barr street.
Mollie Winninghof, 18 Fairfile Ave.

BY BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION.

Nannie Bandel, 245 E. Lewis street.
Rosa Griffith, 320 E. Jefferson street.
Freddie Gumper, 238 Calhoun street.
Oscar Miller, 251 E. Washington St.

INFANTS BAPTISED.

Bessie Eliza, born Jan. 10th, 1889,
infant of Charles O. and Altha Troxal.

Charles Elmer, born Jan. 3rd, 1889,
infant of J. H. and Mary Dunlap.

Claire, born Dec. 28th, 1888, infant
of Joseph and Mollie Earl.

Go and visit these new members at
their homes and give them a kind word
and your prayers.

PARSONAGE.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees and the Church Consistory held on Monday evening April 29, the contract for the erection of the new parsonage, was given to contractor Hilgeman. This same gentleman had the contract for the building of the church parlors. His work in this instance was very satisfactory, and the church will have full confidence, that the parsonage house will be built with care, and with the view to make it substantial, and to give it an artistic appearance. The cost of the house will fully reach the amount of eighteen hundred dollars, and possibly more. The contractor allows the church fifty dollars for the old parsonage house, unless the church can dispose of it to a better advantage. The managers of the Grace Church Visitors will have one hundred dollars to be applied upon this amount, reducing the cost of the parsonage at once one hundred and fifty dollars. The members of the church as well as the Trustees and Consistory seem to be of one opinion, that the house should be sufficiently large, and built of good material, and with all the conveniences possible. In drafting a plan for the house, the Trustees and Consistory have been endeavoring to act to the best of their ability, and it is hoped that the house may give entire satisfaction when it is completed and reflect with credit upon the enterprise and wisdom of Grace Church. Work upon the house is to begin at once, and to be completed by the 1st of September. A building committed was constituted of the following persons: the pastor A. K. Zartman, elders F. D. Paulus, D. W. Sonder, Trustee C. C. Gumper.

St. Joseph classis will convene in annual session May 15th, at the St. Paul Church, near Colon, Mich. The day previous, at the same place, will be held the annual Classical S. S. Convention. Each Sunday School within the bounds of classis, is entitled to a representation of two delegates in this Convention. The pastor, and one of the elders from Grace Church will attend these Conventions. Let the Sunday School also send its delegates.

Rev. Schaff delivered a grand address at the Union meeting April 30.

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Concert and egg-breaking May 10.

Does the VISITOR reach you every month?

Martin Conet again occupies his house on Holman st.

The members of Grace Church were glad to see Mrs. Bolander, at the services on Easter morning.

Joseph Earl and family, now living at 151 Force street, will remove to 175 Lafayette street, about May 9th.

Mrs. Zartman and the "little folks" are doing their best to make the entertainment on May 10th a rare treat.

Freddie Gumper has been severely afflicted with rheumatism for some days past. We hope he may soon recover.

Mr. and Mrs. George Soliday will occupy their new home on East Wayne street, about May 7th. They will have a delightful, cozy little cottage.

Grace Church will be able to pay all its classical dues by the time of the annual meeting of classis, besides having contributed to other benevolent objects.

William Kirkham and family have removed to Columbia City, of which the church is extremely sorry. They are a highly esteemed and respected family. We hope to see them return soon again to the city.

Mrs. Louisa Kepler, who united with Grace Church on Easter, has been afflicted for some months past, but is slowly growing better. We were glad to see her able to be at our services on Easter morning. Her whole family, consisting of herself, two daughters, and son, are now members of Grace Church.

Since our last issue we have received a copy of the *Reformed Pastoral*, edited by Rev. F. Strassner, of Orville, Ohio. Also a copy of the *Trinity Reformed Church Bulletin*. Both of these papers are published in good style, and are brim full of church news. We are glad to have these exchanges on our table.

THE sixth anniversary of Grace

Church will occur on Whit Sunday June 9. This day will be observed with appropriate services, both morning and evening. Fuller announcements will be made in our next issue of these services. In the meantime let every member of the church look forward to this occasion with an eager and expectant heart, and work to make these services all they should be. We hope to have a large number of accession again to the church at this time. Go and visit your friends who have no church home, and talk with them about their salvation, and prevail upon them to make their home with you in your church.

FUNERAL NOTES.

George R. Gavin, son of Robert and Abigail Gavin, was born July 22, 1871, at Fort Wayne, Ind. While in the midst and very promise of his youthful life, he was suddenly called away on Monday morning, April 1, 1889. He was aged 17 years 8 months 9 days.

This dearly beloved son, and friend, leaves to mourn his death, his bereaved and sorrowed father and mother, and one only sister, also a large circle of friends and companions. Georgie R. Gavin was known and esteemed in the home and among his acquaintances, as a youth of an unassuming, upright, cheerful, and loving heart. In the home he was the pride of a fond mother's heart, and the promise of a father's expectation. The home was to him the dearest spot on earth. The father, mother, and sister the dearest to his heart. It will be consoling to the hearts of the parents to remember through the years to come, that Georgie was an affectionate and obedient son. He had a high regard for the counsels and admonitions of his father and his mother. He was full of promise and hope, and eager to enter the full and broader arena of life. It seems sad, and a deep mystery, that while the dew of youth was yet upon his brow, and the sun casting yet his morning light upon his way, that one so hopeful should be called away so soon. In the midst of life and hope the unseen hand of the reaper reaches forth, and claims the blooming flower as his own, and we are wont to say

"Death rides on every passing breeze,
And lurks in every flower;
Each season has its own disease,
Its perils every hour."

The family has the sympathy and prayer of the whole church, in their sore bereavement. May the Lord comfort their hearts, and finally bring them unto that home beyond, where they may meet their loved ones gone before.

George Wells, of Grant avenue, departed this life April 23rd, 1889. Was

born near Hebron, Licking County, O., May 25, 1818. Aged 70 years, 11 months and 1 day. He leaves a bereaved family of wife and eight children.

Father Wells united with the Grace Reformed Church February 7th, 1886. Up to this date he had never made any open profession of faith. During the time of his connection with the church he proved himself faithful and devoted to his Lord and Master, adorning his profession with a quiet and peaceable life. During his illness he was submissive and patient. While at his bedside, during the last days of his sickness, the pastor found him trusting confidently in the Lord, without any fear or dread of death. He said he was going home, and would soon be at rest among the redeemed. When his end came, he passed away as one who falls into quiet and peaceful slumbers. May our latter end be as peaceful and happy, as was the end of this father and brother. The remains were laid away in "The Linden Wood" to repose in quiet slumbers, on the morning of April 26. The Lord console the hearts of the sorrowed.

SALEM CHURCH, DUTCH RIDGE.

The pastor held two delightful services with this church during the month of April.

Mrs. George Barret is still confined to her house by a severe and protracted attack of inflammatory rheumatism.

The Sunday School of this church is doing good work. The attendance numbers one hundred and over.

A delegate elder from the Salem's Church will attend the annual meeting of classis. This church will pay its full proportionment of classical dues.

Communion services will be held with this congregation Sabbath evening, May 5th. Preparatory services Sabbath afternoon.

On April 30th, the three Reformed churches of this city held a union service, celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of the inauguration of the first President of the United States. The services were held at the Salem's Church and were well attended. Ministers present were Revs. Schaaf, Knite, Zartman and Rettig, of the Orphans' Home. Revs. Schaaf and Zartman made short addresses.

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